

In the Claims:

- 1.(currently amended) A method of deactivating an allergen, the method comprising:
dispersing into an airspace capable or able to support said allergen an allergen-deactivating amount of a deactivant ~~an allergen deactivating compound~~
(~~hereinafter the “deactivant”~~) comprising one or more of the following materials:
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot; and,
oil of lemon grass.
- 2.(currently amended) A method according to ~~as claimed~~ claim 1, wherein the deactivant is dispersed into the airspace as a vapour over an extended period, by the use of heat.
- 3.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in claim 1 or 2~~, wherein the deactivant is dispersed via a wick dipped into a reservoir of the deactivant.
- 4.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any preceding claim~~, wherein the deactivant is provided as a water-in-oil emulsion containing up to 2% by weight of ~~the deactivant~~ one or more of:
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;

frankincense;

oil of bergamot; and,

oil of lemon grass.

5.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in claim 1 or 2,~~
wherein the deactivant ~~material~~ is incorporated into a candle ~~which is burnt in the~~
~~space to be treated.~~

6.(currently amended) A method according to ~~as claimed in claim 5,~~ wherein the
candle comprises at least 2% by weight of one or more of:

a citrus oil;

a mint oil;

bois de rose oil;

oil of jasmine;

frankincense;

oil of bergamot; and,

oil of lemon grass

~~the deactivant (wt of deactivant/wt of combustible body of the candle).~~

7.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any~~
~~preceding claim,~~ wherein the deactivant is dispersed into the airspace on two or
more separate periods ~~occasions, separated by period(s) of no deactivant material.~~

8.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any~~
~~preceding claim,~~ wherein the deactivant is one or more as-extracted oils selected
from:

a citrus oil;

a mint oil;

bois de rose oil;

oil of jasmine;

frankincense;

oil of bergamot; and,

oil of lemon grass ~~a said oil in its as extracted form.~~

9.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~as claimed in any preceding claim, and which employs as deactivant two or more of said compounds,~~ wherein at least two of the said materials ~~said compounds~~ are co-dispersed into the airspace.

10.(currently amended) A method according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 9, wherein the at least two of the said materials are selected from the following pairs of said materials; ~~and employing one of the following deactivant combinations;~~
oil of bergamot and bois de rose oil;
oil of lemon grass and bois de rose oil;
a citrus oil and oil of bergamot;
a citrus oil and oil of jasmine.

11.(currently amended) A method ~~Use in~~ deactivating an allergen at a locus of one or more of the following materials:
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot; and,
oil of lemon grass, comprising the step of contacting said allergen with at least one of said materials.

12.(currently amended) A method of deactivating allergens on a surface located within an airspace which comprises the step of:

dispersing into said airspace ~~Use of~~ one or more of the following materials:

a citrus oil;

a mint oil;

bois de rose oil;

oil of jasmine;

frankincense;

oil of bergamot; and,

oil of lemon grass

~~dispersed into an airspace in order to deactivate an allergen on a surface which is within that airspace.~~

13.(currently amended) An allergen deactivant composition comprising one or more, ~~being one~~ of the following:

a mixture of oil of bergamot and bois de rose oil;

a mixture of oil of lemon grass and bois de rose oil;

a mixture of a citrus oil and oil of bergamot;

a mixture of a citrus oil and oil of jasmine.